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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

Summerland is agitating a fish canery.

San Diego is to have a new high school.

Frost has nipped most of the flower beds in Pasadena.

Another creamery is to be started at San Bernardino.

A 60-foot whale has been speared off shore near Naples.

Pasadena wheelmen have organized a Better Roads Society.

The San Diego Normal School Trustees have advertised for plans for a \$100,000 building.

The mountains about Redlands have been covered with snow during the recent storm.

Ebanks is to be again taken to San Diego to be for the third time sentenced to be hanged.

During the year there were 1412 deaths in Los Angeles, or 13.7 per thousand of population.

Ventura now has the prospect of the establishment of two beet-sugar factories instead of one.

Edison's kitescope has taken views of a rabbit drive under full steam, near the Coronado Hotel.

An unsuccessful attempt was made a few days ago to wreck a Southern Pacific train near Ventura.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce is seeking new quarters with an exhibit-room of 20,000 square feet.

The asphalt mine, near Santa Barbara, is behind in its orders, with increased force working night and day.

Subscriptions to the extent of \$11,000 have been obtained toward the proposed \$30,000 opera-house in Phoenix.

Gen. W. S. Rosecrans and Mrs. J. C. Fremont will be given a public reception in Los Angeles on Washington's birthday.

The San Diego City Council will advertise for bids for refunding the bonded debt of \$302,000 in bonds to run forty years.

The business of the Redlands post-office for November shows a gain of 37 1/2 per cent. over the business for November, 1896.

John W. Vandervoort, aged 69, died in Pasadena last week. He was formerly a member of the Carnegie Company, Pittsburgh.

The Santa Barbara grand jury censures the game warden for pot-hunting and conniving at the shipment of game out of the county.

Mad dogs are reported in Los Angeles and Orange counties. These are the first rabid canines thus far reported in Southern California.

Gardiner & How of Los Angeles, who constructed Anaheim's new water system, have brought suit for \$1569 alleged to be still due for the works.

The Los Angeles City Council has suspended School Director Webb pending the charges of extortion and blackmail against him being investigated.

San Diego claims the peculiar distinction of having the largest number of living Mexican-war veterans of any place of its size in the United States.

The San Diego garbage crematory has a capacity of at least thirty tons every twenty-four hours, sufficient to take off the refuse of a city of 80,000 population.

At Bakersfield, Piper & Wroot have started new wire works, to include all kinds of wire work, fences, railings, bank and office fixtures, jail work, etc.

The lower regions seem to be getting in their work on the wells about Phoenix. In dozens of the wells the water has become tepid; in some almost warm.

It is reported that a Los Angeles oil man will ship two carloads of machinery and sink a well on land leased of La Costa Land and Water Company, near San Diego.

It is not the intention of the captain to be content with a railway connection with the Southern Pacific at Yuma, but he will continue his line to Kingman to the north on the Santa Fe road.

The Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce declines to give a Los Angeles firm a \$3000 bonus and take \$10,000 of stock in order to secure the establishment of a preserving factory at that place.

Recent tests made by the College of Civil Engineering of the University of California showed the best marble obtainable in the world was from the

Colton quarries at Colton, San Bernardino county.

Pasadena postal receipts for November show an increase of 25 per cent. over those of November, 1896, and the number of money orders shows an increase of 15 per cent. for the same month.

Pasadena has awarded the contract for fifty-seven arc lights of 2000-candle power, at \$10.25 per month, and forty arc lights of 1200-candle power at \$9.50 a month. There was only one bid.

The Colton, Cal., cement works are getting out 170 barrels of cement per day and the daily shipments are now averaging three carloads. A sale of 6500 barrels was recently made to the San Gabriel Electric Company.

At Phoenix, O. J. Hall has been appointed receiver of the Arizona Improvement Company and Arizona Canal Company, and as this will probably settle difficulties, work will begin immediately with an expenditure of over \$100,000.

The recent railroad catastrophe in Arizona was particularly sad from the fact that both the engineers, who were killed, had been in the employ of the railroad company many years, and were making their last trip, intending to quit railroading permanently.

Chauncey M. Depew and a number of other New Yorkers, broadly known in railroad circles, will visit the Pacific Coast within the next fortnight, with the especial intention of inspecting the new Randsburg Railroad, in which Mr. Depew is financially interested.

In addition to the large nurseries that are located in and around Los Angeles, there are many private gardens which contain a great wealth of flowers. At Downey, Mrs. E. L. Barrett has no less than two hundred varieties of chrysanthemums, besides a fine collection of other flowers, many of which are rare.

Southern California has been treated quite liberally by Congress in the harbor appropriations. The total amount to be expended during the next fiscal year is \$749,000. Of this aggregate \$400,000 goes to San Pedro, \$184,400 to San Diego, \$150,000 to San Luis Obispo and \$14,600 for the quarantine station at San Diego.

Pasadena has twenty-five churches, with a total membership of 4380.

Rev. Frank G. Ferguson, who has been called to the presidency of Pomona College, is expected at Pomona about the first of the year to confer with the trustees of the college. While he has not yet signified his acceptance of the post tendered him, it is believed that he will accept.

The National City and Otay trains are soon expected to be running through to the D-street station at San Diego, over the Santa Fe track from National City, the Land & Town Company having purchased the property. This will make a direct, quick route to San Diego, and at the Union Depot, with its finely-decked grounds.

The students in the biological department of the Throop Institute, Pasadena, have constructed a bee hive with glass sides, and a small tube running out through the window, that the bees may come and go at their pleasure. A swarm of bees was secured, and the students are eagerly watching developments. Already several hundred cells have been built and stocked with honey.

A reward of \$5000 has been offered for the recovery of the body of Walter Robertson, a passenger on the Santa Fe overland, who, while insane, jumped from a Pullman car on the Mojave desert near Bagdad. The country for thirty miles around has been gone over with blood hounds, but no trace of the dead man has been found. The reward is offered by the relatives of the missing man.

Business done at Port Los Angeles during the month of November was as follows, according to the Santa Monica Signal: Imports, ties, 19,510; lumber, 504,910 feet; merchandise, 1209 tons; coal, 820 tons. Exports, grain, 3213 tons; merchandise, eighty tons. Passengers, arrived, 196; departed, 225. Arrivals, steamers, twenty; schooners, one. The freight received during November at the Southern Pacific freight depot was 2,577,031 pounds; freight shipped, 1,629,965 pounds.

The Lower California Development Company's new steamship, the St. Denis, left Port Talbot, South Wales, Eng., on the 1st inst., and will probably arrive in this port during the first week in February. The new vessel is a steel, screw steamer, 161 feet in length, with a gross tonnage of 484, net tonnage 274, class A1 Lloyd's, with a dead weight capacity of 600 tons. She has triple expansion engines with large boilers and has accommodations for thirty first-class passengers and twenty third-class. She is fitted throughout with electric lights and has all modern improvements. Upon the arrival of the St. Denis in this port she will be rechristened the Gen. Mena, in honor of the present Secretary of Communications, who has graciously permitted the new steamship to bear his name.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Phoenix has a lady barber. Jerome, Ariz., is to have a \$30,000 hotel.

Senator Perkins has recommended that the sub-port of Dyca be abolished.

The passenger rate from San Francisco to Dawson City has been fixed at \$300.

David Hirschberg will become superintendent of the Preston School of Industry January 1, 1898.

Gov. Budd has declared January 24 a legal holiday in celebration of the golden jubilee of the State.

San Francisco children were made happy this week with over twenty thousand Christmas trees.

It is stated that 700 Chinamen in San Francisco have professed conversion to the Salvation Army.

A body guard now watches Rev. George Gibson of Immanuel Church to protect him from assassination.

California leads in mileage of new railways built in 1897, as well as in some thousands of other things.

Fresno is said to have sixty saloons and seventy lawyers. There are more saloons in Bakersfield than lawyers.

Oakland will make an organized effort to secure the next State convention of the Christian Endeavor Society.

The law firm of Delmas & Shortridge has been dissolved, Delmas retiring. The reason given is that he desires to devote his attention to private affairs.

Samuel T. Black, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, denies the report recently circulated that he is opposed to the issuance of life diplomas.

Gen. Miles believes expeditions should be sent over both routes to the Klondike region at once in order to have double chances of one getting through quickly.

Railroad men report that 2000 tramps and petty criminals are working their way westward over the northern transcontinental lines, most of them being headed for Puget Sound.

Capt. W. L. Brinard of the subsistence department of the army, will be placed in charge of the relief party that Secretary Alger will send to the Klondike region with provisions.

The first snow of the season at Prescott, Ariz., last week was followed by a cold wave, and the mercury dropped to 5 deg. below zero, being as low as ever recorded.

Congressman Castle has introduced a bill to create a commission of three expert mineralogists to examine into the mineral character of lands patented to the Southern Pacific in California.

Senator Perkins has been notified by the Department of State that the Russian government will allow Adolph Kutner, a wealthy citizen of California, to visit his relations in Russia and Poland.

Charles H. Champ, of William Cramp & Son, declares that there is absolutely no foundation for the published statement that the company contemplated constructing a ship-building plant at Seattle.

The comet medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Assistant Astronomer C. D. Perrine of Lick Observatory, for his discovery of an unexpected comet October 16 last.

Two capitalists of Fresno have offered to give to that city 260 acres of land for a public park. The condition of the offer is that the city shall agree to spend \$25,000 within the next five years on improvements to the property. The City Trustees are said to look upon the proposition with favor, and it may be accepted.

The San Joaquin Electric Company has let contracts involving an outlay of \$30,000 for the construction of an electric-power transmission line from Fresno to Hanford. The successful bidders were San Francisco firms. Construction will be commenced at once, and it is stipulated that the line will be in operation within ninety days.

A contract for a new ferry boat which is to be placed on the Oakland line has been signed by the Southern Pacific Company and the Union Iron Works. The vessel will cost \$200,000, and is to be completed by next April. When the new boat is put on the line, there will be a twenty-minute service between Oakland and this city, during the hours of heavy travel, instead of the half-hourly service now given.

MINES AND MINING.

An application for a patent may embrace several locations.

Platinum is reported discovered at Pine Ridge, Fresno county, Cal.

Georgia's deepest gold mine is the Franklin, Cherokee county, depth 350 feet.

In Colorado the basis for mine taxation is one-fifth of the total output reported.

Ore valued at \$281 was taken out of the Wedge mine at Randsburg one day last week.

At the Spanish mine, Nevada county, Cal., ore yielding 85 cents per ton has been worked at a profit.

Copperas is now a by-product in the manufacture of iron wire and is quoted at from 60 to 70 cents per 100 pounds.

An old writer tells how, as early as 1843, Indians were coming into Monterey with gold dust, which they exchanged for liquor.

In the San Gabriel Cañon new discoveries are being made, the latest being a twenty-five-foot ledge, which is free milling and assays \$13.80 to the ton.

A nugget weighing 24 1/2 ounces and valued at \$225 was found recently near Goler, Kern county, and is exhibited in Montgomery Bros.' window on North Spring street.

It is stated that the Garlock mill will put in thirty additional stamps shortly; also that the Yellow Aster will add twenty-five, and the lessees of the McKiernan's are figuring on a ten-stamp mill.

E. M. Hamilton has located gold claims in the Antelope Valley, four miles from Rosemont, which have been walked over by hundreds of people for forty years. They are within nine miles of the Soledad mills, and average \$22 in gold. The owner is now in the city making arrangements for a mill to be erected at once.

The total copper production of the world is \$53,000,000 pounds per year, of which the United States furnishes 54 per cent., Spain 13 per cent., the balance by Chile and Japan. Of the total product of the United States, amounting to 407,000,000 pounds, Montana furnishes 49 per cent., Michigan 30 per cent., Arizona 15 per cent., and Colorado less than 2 per cent. The Anaconda furnishes 27 per cent. of the United States production and 14 per cent. of the world's production.

The Redlands mill property of a Panamint mining failure in 1894 is about to be purchased by the Ashford Mining Company. The mill was erected in Panamint Valley at an enormous expense a few years ago by Redlands capitalists and is an immense affair with boilers and engine capacity for running a battery of eighty stamps. It is intended, however, to only put up ten stamps for the present. The mill will probably be located at Squaw Springs, four and one-half miles east of Randsburg.

A New Mining District.

A new mining district has been opened in Southern California within the past year. It is known as the Corn Springs Mining District, and is located in the Chuckawalla Mountains in Riverside county, about forty miles northeast of Salton and an equal distance west of the Colorado River. A good wagon road runs from Salton to the district.

Sulphur Works.

Sulphur deposits of great extent, owned by the Mexican Sulphur Company, on the Colorado River below Yuma, are to be developed on a large scale. Among other things, a railroad is to be constructed from the mines to the Colorado River, and a telephone is to be built from the mines to Yuma, where the offices of the company are located. According to the Yuma Sun, as soon as the shipment of sulphur in large quantities begins, the company will charter ocean steamers and ship by the Gulf route.

Rich Strike in the Desert.

One of the richest mining strikes ever made on the desert has come to light within the past few days. Samuel Temple, well known in San Bernardino, was the lucky discoverer. For years the land about Twenty-Nine Palms has been known to be rich, but those seeking mines went farther away, and over the land in which this strike was made thousands have passed on their way to the new El Dorado, Virginia Dale. The new strike is located about two and a half miles from the mill at Twenty-Nine Palms.

Working Low-grade Ore.

The most important thing for Randsburg and other mining camps in the Southwest, is the proposed erection of a first-class reduction plant at Barstow, which is said to be a certainty. If, as is promised, these reduction works will render profitable the mining of ore which runs as low as \$8 a ton in this vicinity, it is easy to see that it will enormously increase the mineral output of Southern California, as at present there is plenty of ore which will assay three times that amount, but cannot be profitably handled, because of the expense of milling it.

Gold in Southern California.

California is to have a golden jubilee in San Francisco, on the 24th of next month, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of gold within the boundaries of the State. Los Angeles and Southern California will doubtless be fittingly represented at this commemoration, but in order to be historically correct the jubilee should have been held in Los Angeles about five years ago, for it was within the limits of this county that the first noteworthy discovery of gold was made, five years in advance of the celebrated find made by Marshall at Coloma, which set the world on fire, and led to a rush of gold seekers from the utmost ends of the earth, in comparison with which the present exodus to the Klondike is but a Sunday-school picnic.

It was, however, in 1841 or 1842—concerning the exact date historians differ—when the first discovery of gold in the State was made by a white man. The discoverer was Francisco Lopez, a native of California, who, while resting at a place called San Francisquito, between thirty and forty miles northwest of Los Angeles, during a search for stray horses, dug up with his sheath knife wild onions, and in the dust discovered a piece of gold, afterward finding more. A number of citizens went to the place and commenced prospecting, they also finding gold. The news of the discovery soon spread all the way from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles, and in a few weeks hundreds of people were engaged in washing and winnowing the sands and earth of the gold fields. From these mines was obtained the first shipment of California gold dust received at the United States Mint in Philadelphia, which was sent by a citizen named Alfred Robinson in a merchant sailing ship around Cape Horn. The shipment was 18.34 ounces in weight, and assayed \$19 to the ounce, a superior quality of gold.

San Francisquito, where the discovery was made, is in a cañon about eight miles northwest of Newhall. Marshall drew a pension from the State, and has had a statue erected in his memory, but Lopez sleeps in obscurity.—[Los Angeles Times.]

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Supreme Court has adjourned until January 3.

The bill to prevent pelagic sealing has passed the House, 148 to 78.

A new code of rules for the House of Representatives will be presented by Speaker Reed and his associates on the Committee on Rules after the holiday recess.

The opponents of Hawaiian annexation are now advocating establishing a protectorate, in order to alienate from the treaty the support of lukewarm Senators.

All the nations of Europe are anxious as to the course of the United States concerning Chinese affairs; Germany, especially, fears an Anglo-American-Japanese alliance.

Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of the ex-Secretary of the Navy, and a leader of Washington society, suicided by cutting an artery in her wrist and jumping from a third-story window.

President McKinley is said to be incensed at sensational sermons recently preached by Dr. Hugh Johnston, pastor of the Metropolitan Church, and is considering attending services elsewhere.

Under findings filed by the sealing commissioners the payment by the United States of about \$400,000 will settle the seven-years' controversy, and that amount is expected to be paid promptly.

EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The sale of the Kansas Pacific has been postponed to February 15.

Intense cold continues throughout the Northwest, from Manitoba to Denver.

Pittsburgh has taken steps to secure the national G.A.R. encampment in 1900.

Lieut. and Mrs. Peary have returned to the United States on board the St. Paul.

The National Civil Service Reform League has reelected Carl Schurz president by acclamation.

The Christmas money-order business of the New York Postoffice greatly exceeds that of any previous year.

A big Chicago building was damaged by an explosion of natural gas and dozens of people are injured.

The Chestnut-street National Bank of Philadelphia goes to the wall, dragging a big trust company down with it.

St. Louis has six inches of snow. Gen. Campbell, erstwhile a citizen of Los Angeles, deliberately suicided at a Chicago hotel.

Mrs. Flitch of Denver drives an ostrich, behind which she rides in a light wagon. She is the only woman in the world who owns a zoological garden and manages it herself. The animal isn't guided by the reins, but by a long whip, with which the driver hits it on the feathers.